

Service Date: April 29, 1977

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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| IN THE MATTER OF the application of |) | UTILITY DIVISION |
| PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY for |) | |
| authority to establish increased rates for electric |) | DOCKET NO. 6289 |
| service. |) | ORDER NO. 4243B |
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AMENDMENT TO
ORDER APPROVING PART OF REQUESTED
ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES

This Order is issued in compliance with the Opinion and Order of the District Court in Pacific Power & Light Company's appeal from Order No. 4243. The Commission earlier issued Order No. 4243A, correcting an error made in the calculation of preferred stock expense. That Order increased the revenues allowed in Order No 4243 by approximately \$5,000. Pacific Power & Light did not file revised tariffs to incorporate the Order No. 4243A increase. Accordingly, those revenues are included in this Order, although not a part of the District Court's Opinion.

Order No. 4243 is modified by striking findings of fact six (6), thirteen (13), seventeen (17), and eighteen (18) and Order paragraphs two (2) and nine (9), and by substituting and adding the following material:

FINDINGS OF FACT

6. The present value of Applicant's electric property situated and allocated to Montana, actually used and useful for the convenience of the public, is \$25,593,000 for the test year.

13. The net operating revenues under the schedules in effect at the time of application produced a rate of return of 3.43 percent on Applicant's original cost depreciated rate base.

17. Net operating revenues of \$1,973,220 are required to provide a return of 7.71 percent on Applicant's test year original cost depreciated base of \$25,593,000.

18. The rates proposed by Applicant will produce net operating revenues in excess of a fair and reasonable return on the value of Applicant's Montana electric properties for the test year. The allowed revenue increase in order to be fair and reasonable should be \$1,096,000.

ORDER

2. Applicant is granted an increase in its revenues for electricity delivered of \$1,096,000.

9. The new rates and charges shall be effective for services rendered on and after May 1, 1977.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at a meeting of the Public Service Commission held April 27, 1977, by a vote of 4-0.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

P. J. Gilfeather, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Gail E. Behan
Secretary

James R. Shea, Commissioner

(SEAL)

George Turman, Commissioner

NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing within thirty (30) days from the service of this Order a petition for review pursuant to Section 82-4216, RCM 1947.